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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An animal shedding control device comprising:

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus;

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, and wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed, wherein the bag-like space includes an open end; and

a sealing mechanism positioned adjacent the open end.

Claim 2 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first material is micro-hook material.

Claim 3 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the second material is a nonwoven material.

Claim 4 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the second material is an elastomeric material.

Claim 5 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the second material is micro-hook material.

Claim 6 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a mitt.

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Claim 7 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a pet bed enclosure.

Claim 8 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a grooming tool cover.

Claim 9 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer using adhesive.

Claim 10 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer using ultrasonic bonding.

Claim 11 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer is coupled to the second layer by sewing.

Claim 12 (original): The device of claim 1, further comprising a thumb space.

Claim 13 (original): The device of claim 1, further comprising a finger loop within the space.

Claim 14 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first layer further includes adhesive.

Claim 15 (original): The device of claim 14, wherein the adhesive is positioned on the hook material.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): The device of claim 1, wherein the sealing mechanism uses hook material.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): The device of claim 16 1, wherein the sealing mechanism is a zipper-like device.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The device of claim 16 1, wherein the sealing mechanism is an adhesive.

Claim 20 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the device is disposable.

Claim 21 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second materials are one piece of the same material, wherein the first layer and the second layer are two portions of the piece, and wherein one of the first and second layer is folded over the other of the first and second layer.

Claim 22 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the space is sized to substantially enclose a human hand.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The device of claim 1, wherein the space is sized to substantially enclose a pet bed.

Claim 24 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the space is sized to enclose a portion of a grooming tool.

Claim 25 (original): The device of claim 1, wherein the first material consists essentially of hook material.

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Claim 26 (currently amended): A shedding control device comprising:

 a bag-like body including
 an outer surface including micro-hook material; and
 an interior space, wherein the body is adapted to be turned inside-out to create a second interior space; and
 a sealing mechanism.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A method for controlling animal shedding, the method comprising:

 donning a mitt having

 a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus; and

 a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, and wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed, wherein the bag-like space includes an open end, and

a sealing mechanism positioned adjacent the open end;

 petting an animal having detritus such that detritus is captured in the hooks; and

 disposing of the mitt.

Claim 28 (originals): The method of claim 27, further comprising turning the mitt inside-out to enclose the detritus.

Claim 29 (original): The method of claim 27, further comprising sealing the mitt.

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Claim 30 (currently amended): A method for controlling animal shedding, the method comprising:

~~placing a device over~~ enclosing an animal bed with a, the device having

a first layer including a first material, wherein the first layer has a first layer perimetric edge, and wherein the first material is hook material having hooks adapted to capture detritus; and

a second layer including a second material, wherein the second layer has a second layer perimetric edge, and wherein at least a portion of the second layer perimetric edge is coupled to the first layer perimetric edge such that the first and second layers define a bag-like space that is at least partially enclosed, wherein the bag-like space includes an open end, and

a sealing mechanism positioned adjacent the open end;

allowing an animal to use the bed such that detritus is captured in the hooks;

removing the device from the bed; and

disposing of the device.

Claim 31 (original): The method of claim 30, further comprising turning the device inside-out to enclose the detritus.

Claim 32 (original): The method of claim 30, further comprising sealing the device.

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (canceled)

Claim 35 (new): The device of claim 1, further comprising a finger slit.

Claim 36 (new): The method of claim 27, wherein the donning act includes extending a finger through a finger slit.